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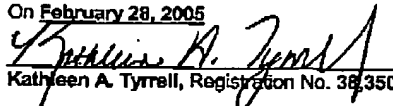
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Dear Sir:

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This is a reply to the Office Action mailed December 3,  
2004 setting a three (3) month statutory period for  
response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks  
into the record.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4.